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Self-driving cars' choice: Who will die in a crash?

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WASHINGTON – Consider this hypothetical:

It's a bright, sunny day and you're alone in your spanking new self-driving vehicle, sprinting along the two-lane Tunnel of Trees on M-119 high above Lake Michigan north of Harbor Springs. You're sitting back, enjoying the view. You're looking out through the trees, trying to get a glimpse of the crystal blue water below you, moving along at the 45-m.p.h. speed limit.

As you approach a rise in the road, heading south, a school bus appears, driving north, one driven by a human, and it veers sharply toward you. There is no time to stop safely, and no time for you to take control of the car.

Does the car:

A. Swerve sharply into the trees, possibly killing you but possibly saving the bus and its occupants?

B. Perform a sharp evasive maneuver around the bus and into the oncoming lane, possibly saving you, but sending the bus and its driver swerving into the trees, killing her and some of the children on board?

C. Hit the bus, possibly killing you as well as the driver and kids on the bus?

In everyday driving, such no-win choices may be exceedingly rare but, when they happen, what should a self-driving car — programmed in advance — do? Or in any situation — even a less dire one — where a moral snap judgment must be made?

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Waymo workers place boxes as obstacles, staging "structured tests" for a Chrysler Pacifica with self-driving technology. AP

DEBACLE AFTER DISASTER

Hurricane's devastation, widespread damage to Puerto Rican power grid hinder teen's medical care



Zaida Lopez lifts her son Javier Lopez, 18, so she can remove his shirt for a bath at their home in Barranquitas, Puerto Rico. ELAINE CROMIE/SPECIAL TO THE DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Every morning, Zaida Lopez must set aside a few hours to take care of her son, Javier. She bathes him, applies lotion and baby powder to his skin, changes his diaper, brushes his teeth, feeds him and gives him his medicine. ☒ "He's like my eternal baby," she said. ☒ But Javier is not a baby — he is 18 years old and suffers from a severe case of Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome, a condition which has left him unable to eat, talk, walk or do much of anything on his own.

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U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, is facing accusations of sexual harassment. The 88-year-old is one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Conyers: An icon's fall from grace?

Despite civil rights legacy, new charges bring trouble

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When Mildred Gaddis was a graduate student at Texas Southern University in the mid-1980s, she recalls being in awe of a group of prominent black politicians successfully protesting and ultimately winning a battle to impose sanctions on American companies that conducted business with South Africa, which practiced the racial segregation policy known as apartheid.

The well-known Detroit radio host said that moment more than 30 years ago was one of many times over the years that she was reminded that U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus and a leader of the anti-apartheid fight, was a man of uncompromising principles.

"When I think back on segregation, I think about the voting rights bills and other legislation over the years that have been introduced to water down the gains that have been made for people of color in this country," she said. "But through it all, John Conyers was unwavering, uncompromising. You don't find those kind of people elected to public office any more."

As Conyers, an 88-year-old Democrat serving his 27th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, faces the biggest threat of his political career — claims of sexual harassment and verbal abuse of employees and mis-

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